

Draft Agenda for BLM (HQ/MT/WY) WDEQ & EPA R8 / NRC Coordination Teleconference

Sep 2, 2015: 8-9:30 MDT (10-11:30 EDT)

Bridge Line: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

NRC Projects (license applications received) – Alan Bjornsen (NRC)

Ross (Strata) – Crook County, WY

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/materials/uranium/licensed-facilities/ross.html>"]

Project under construction – pre-operation inspection early this fall, programmatic agreement is on-going.

Dewey-Burdock (Powertech) – Fall River County, SD

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/dewey-burdock.html>"]

Apr 30, partial decision – NRC appealed -board request an extension of decision

Reno Creek (AUC. LLC) – Campbell County, WY

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/reno-creek.html>"]

Safety review – SER, Environmental Review – Draft SEIS – publishing in late (nov/dec) 2015.

106 consultation – cultural resource sent to tribe for comment and getting comments at the end of the week and will send to WY SHPO for concurrence

Smith Ranch/Highland (Cameco [PRI]) – Converse County, WY

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/smith-ranch.html>"]

NRC renewal – Section 106 – working w/tribes and Cameco

Ludeman (uranium One) – Converse County, WY

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/ludeman.html>"]

Supporting hearing for Crow Butte – impacting Ludeman – review is delayed – received RAI responses in June.

Jane Dough (Uranerz) – Johnson and Campbell Counties, WY

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/jane-dough.html>"]

Accepted 3000 acre to Nichols Ranch amendment – safety evaluation summer 2016, ER site visit – week after next. Also has confining zone issue (not continuous)

Lost Creek East (UR-Energy) – Sweetwater County, WY

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/materials/uranium/licensed-facilities/lost-creek.html>"]

Class V well – responded to RAI, KM horizon expansion amendment – inadequate confining zone below (not continuous) – KM and sent letter in April – planning to get more info and resubmit with new data.

Sweetwater [conventional] Mill (Kennebecott) – Sweetwater County, WY

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/materials/uranium/licensed-facilities/sweetwater.html>"]

SER late 2016

Kendrick (Strata) – Crook County, WY

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/kendrick.html>"]

Amendment deferred to end of Sept, initiated 106 and get contractors for NEPA review

NRC Projects (license applications expected w/in 3-6 mo.) – Alan Bjornsen (NRC)

Shirley Basin (UR-Energy) – Carbon County, WY

Working on application – end of calendar year - may come in as an amendment or new license.

Brown Ranch (Cameco) – Campbell County, WY

Expansion to North Butte facility – WDEQ beginning review of CIII insitu amendment to North Butte permit.

3809 Plans of Operations (pending with BLM in WY and SD) – George Varhalmi (BLM)

Gas Hills (Cameco); Lander Field Office [[HYPERLINK](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/lfo/gashills.html)

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Not a lot of movement – section 106 process

Nichols & Hank; Buffalo Field Office [[HYPERLINK](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/bfo/nichols-ranch.html)

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Approved July 2015, won't start for some time.

Lost Creek; Rawlins Field Office [[HYPERLINK](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/rfo/lostcreek.html)

"<http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/rfo/lostcreek.html>"]

Not much movement – have not received requests for drilling for characterization

Sheep Mountain; Lander Field Office [[HYPERLINK](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/lfo/sheepmtn.html)

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Completing EIS – within a week of sending out final for review – heap leaching, mill and mine

Ross; Newcastle Field Office

[[HYPERLINK "http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/news_room/2011/august/01info-ross.html"](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/news_room/2011/august/01info-ross.html)]

holding pattern – Strata deciding whether to proceed with EA.

Dewy-Burdock; Belle Fourche Field Office; [[HYPERLINK](http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/mt/blm_information/bps.Par.90957.File.dat/Dewey-Burdock.pdf)

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No one on.

Others:

3809 Plans of Operation foreseeable ISR or conventional mining filings likely with BLM in WY and SD – George Varhalmi (BLM)

Allemand-Ross; Casper Field Office

No word – low interest due to market conditions

Reno Creek & Jane Dough; Buffalo Field Office (awaiting information about surface owner consent on split estate lands – if operator obtains such, no 3809 plan is required)

Others:

Irigaray expansion = NRC says received letter of intent and have not received application.

WDEQ (license applications received)

LQD HQs-Cheyenne – Carol Bilbrough

LQD District 1-Cheyenne – Robin Jones

Pathfinder – working on application, expected in next month or two, submitting a discharge application to NRC (surface), Ludeman – 4th round of comments. Stakeholder – exploration in the area – McMurray interest near Reynolds Ranch (PRB)

LQD District 2 – Lander – John Erickson

Gas Hills – inactive – drilling holes released

LQD District 3 – Sheridan – Mark Rogaczewski

SHR – mine unit 10 extension application received

Rare Earth – handle by-product/source material – received application, Brown Ranch – appl not complete, Jane Dough – second round of review, Kendrick – 8000 acres to Ross project. + Ruby Ranch

EPA Region 8 – Wendy Cheung

Conferences and Meetings

As Time Permits (items worth mentioning for the good of the order):

From NRC:

Bear Lodge (Rare Earth): mining in Black Hills, processing in Crook county – Rare Earth Resources working with Forest Service, NRC will look at the site and processing

From BLM:

From DEQ:

Agreement State status

Presenting Statute language to mineral committee then to legislation – waiting on comments

Drafting regulations and will present to Uranium working group

Hired AG/paralegal – another staff hired with nuclear engineering degree

From EPA:

Wyoming passed new trespass law, does affect natural resource data collection of “environmental parameters” including NEPA analysis and access to land. Agreements are site to site. NRC laws would trump and State laws. House Bill 12 – Chapt 146 Trespass to Collect Data, Chapt 183 Trespass to Collect Data Civil Law

Next Quarterly call – Wed, Dec 2, 2015, 0800 MST (1000 EST)

Attachments – NRC Uranium Recovery Licensing Applications (under review and proposed), as of Aug. 3, 2015:

[HYPERLINK "http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/ur-projects-list-public.pdf"
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